

**Re: Fw: Salem State Library**

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Kim:

Thanks for your input. Very helpful! We will certainly stay away from any policy issues. On the technical side, I may tell him about our preliminary results and our concerns about the method.

Best,

Zhishi

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Zhishi-

Based on your presentation the other day, I have a lot of concerns with the NASA method. I think there are a lot of things that remained unresolved. As John's sites are in Region 1, we would not approve a project using this method because of the "unknowns". If they want to do a pilot, it would be under the 761.60(j) authority, but not under any other type of EPA R1 approval

Unfortunately, I don't believe that John understands what a "pilot" test means for these types of technologies nor what the data information requirements would be. It goes far above the strict Aroclor determinations they are used to providing.

I also understand that NASA recently sold this technology to another non-governmental party. Not sure what the agreement was given that EPA has not approved the technology for PCB work.

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**Fw: Salem State Library****Zhishi Guo**

to: Bob Thompson

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Bob:

I had a request from John O'Donnell of Massachusetts State Government for visiting our PCB lab. John is the state official who allowed us to take field samples from a pre-demolition college building. They are trying to test the NASA method. I have no problem for the proposed visit unless you have any concerns.

Zhishi

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Zhishi,

It has been awhile since we spoke about PCBs and the status of DCAM's work at the Salem State Library in Salem, MA. We are finishing up pilot work and are beginning dismantling a portion of the building to allow the new library to be constructed.

We are also looking at using the NASA material to see if both from a bench scale as well as pilot work, does this have merit in addressing PCBs in substrata.

I suggest that I come down to your facility and we can discuss the data we have collected as well as get your suggestions on both bench and pilot programs to document the effectiveness of the NASA materials. I would like to see your facility and gain a better understanding of your efforts on the PCB issues. My schedule is relatively open so, if this seems like a good idea, let me know what would work for you and your staff. If you could suggest a couple dates, we could set a meeting and go from there.

Regards

John O'Donnell, P.E., LSP